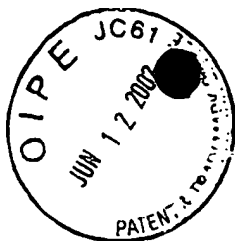


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In the Specification

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-PRIORITY

The present application is a continuation application of PCT/GB00/03035, filed August 7, 2000, which claims priority to GB application GB 9918611.6 filed August 7, 1999.

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention is related to the field of search engines and databases adapted to search for particular musical sequences or phrases in a database of sound files in a computer system.